

## CARTER'S TALE UNDONE.

## THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL IS HEARD FROM.

Mr. Smith Discusses the Letter of J. O. Carter and Throws Light on the Leper Expedition.

EDITOR STAR: It is with regret that I feel obliged to reply to Mr. J. O. Carter's letter in this evening's Bulletin relative to the action of the Board of Health in the matter of the Kalalau lepers, for he has not stated the case fairly or honestly.

In that said affair the Board of Health and its agent, Mr. L. H. Stolz, were responsible up to the time Mr. Stolz was murdered. After that the Government took steps to apprehend the murderer, and (upon a warrant sworn out by an agent of the board) to arrest the lepers.

The duty and power to remove lepers is vested by law in the Board of Health, and is stated in Section 3 of the Act passed January 3, 1865 (see Compiled Laws, page 521). It reads: "Section 3. The Board of Health, or its agents, are authorized and empowered to cause to be isolated and confined, in some place or places for that purpose provided, all leprosy patients who shall be deemed capable of spreading the disease of leprosy; and it shall be the duty of every police and district justice, when properly applied to for that purpose by the Board of Health, or its authorized agents, to cause to be arrested and delivered to the Board of Health, or its agents, any person alleged to be a leper, within the jurisdiction of such police or district justice; and it shall be the duty of the Marshal of the Hawaiian Islands and his deputies, and of the police officers, to assist in securing the conveyance of any person so arrested, to such place as the Board of Health, or its agents, may direct, in order that such person may be subjected to medical inspection, and thereafter to assist in removing such person to a place of treatment, or isolation, if so required by the agents of the Board of Health."

The whole power and authority to segregate lepers is vested in the Board and its agents; and the whole matter is under the direction of the Board and its agents.

Mr. Stolz, as agent of the Board, first called attention to the matter. As such agent, he was first requested to obtain the information as to the number of lepers at Kalalau; and next to go there and seek to persuade them to go to Molokai; and finally he went again as such agent to try to remove certain ones who had not consented, at the previous visit, to come. He had no warrant of arrest, nor any authority excepting as an agent of the Board. Previous to going to Kalalau he had been agent only for the district of Waimea, but at his request, he was commissioned as agent for Waimea, Kalalau and Niihau. This appointment was discussed and authorized at a meeting of the Board at which Mr. Carter was present; and for the special purpose of dealing with the Kalalau and Niihau lepers.

The board, Mr. Carter concurring, had arranged that Mr. Reynolds, its executive officer, should assist Mr. Stolz; but Mr. Stolz objecting (because he thought the presence of a stranger might arouse opposition), I told him at the interview with the Marshal that Mr. Reynolds need not go. I afterward reported this action to the board, and it was approved.

In authorizing steps to be taken to remove the Kalalau lepers, all the members of the board were responsible, although the one who urged the action most strongly was Mr. Carter. I do not wish to shrink any responsibility that fairly belongs to me, but the other members, and the executive officer, the Secretary, Mr. Johnstone, and Dr. Howard, who were present at the meeting, will attest to the fact that I opposed the measure. After briefly interviewing the history of the relations of the Board and of the Legislature to the question of removing these people, and how they had been allowed to remain there a number of years, I objected on the grounds of the danger involved, the expense and the inexpediency of agitating the subject in view of the present state of public affairs.

The discussion provoked some warmth, and finally, upon my suggestion that more information as to the number and condition of the people there, be obtained before we took steps to remove them, a vote in favor of their removal was taken.

At one time during the discussion, Mr. Carter suggested that I confer with my colleagues of the Executive Council upon the subject; but, after the suggestion was made about obtaining further information and seeking to persuade them to come, nothing more at any time was said about such conference, although the matter was under discussion at several meetings.

Mr. Carter's statement, in his letter, that "the Board of Health was powerless to act without the assistance of the police," is incorrect and misleading; the impression sought to be given being that I, as Attorney-General and at the head of the Police Department, was solely responsible. Every step I took, after the original vote, was at the instance or with the approval of Mr. Carter and the other members of the board.

In view of the facts, which are known to all the members of the board, Mr. Carter's statement that he is relieved of any responsibility for the tragedy at Kalalau is simply astounding.

WILLIAM O. SMITH.

Bethel Mission Work. Secretary Corbett of the Y. M. C. A. has determined to resuscitate the Bethel Mission in this city, and for

that purpose has rented the vacant store in the brick block adjoining the lot on Bethel street on which the old Bethel Hall stood. The first meeting will be held on Saturday evening next, and will be conducted by Mr. Corbett. The Sunday evening services will be held under the direction of C. B. Ripley.

## WHY THEY WERE TAXED.

## An Error in Making the Soldiers Pay With the Rest.

EDITOR STAR:—Will you kindly inform a Hawaiian National Guardsman whether they have to pay personal taxes or not. I understand that the powers that be say we have to pony up. If so, what is the intent and purpose of Section 9 in the Act for the formation of a H. N. G. Do we have to bleed for our dying country and die for our bleeding country all at once? Why not leave the bleeding part to the Royalist friends, and let us do the dying without taxing us for it? Or why not put on 4 cent more taxes on property holders? They can stand it, as property has increased in value.

N. G. H.

Referring to the above, a representative of the STAR called on the Attorney General this morning and was informed that all members of military and fire companies are exempt from the payment of personal property taxes. Through a misunderstanding of the Assessor, taxes were required of certain members of the military company, but the matter has since been corrected and all members of military or fire companies who have claimed exemption will not be required to pay taxes. Minister Damon has issued orders that all moneys so paid for taxes by mistake are to be refunded upon proper application.

## A PICNIC PARTY.

## Minister Blount Enjoys the Glories of Tantalus.

A pleasant picnic party, composed of Minister and Mrs. Blount, Mr. and Mrs. Dillingham, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Dodge, and Dr. and Mrs. Day, went up to the summit of Tantalus yesterday. The party left town about 2:30 p. m., the ladies in carriages and the gentlemen on horseback, and returned about 9 p. m. Mrs. Day supplied a splendid lunch, the coffee being made on the summit. Minister Blount was enthusiastic over the magnificent moon-light view obtained from that height, and the whole party thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

## Band Concert To-night.

The Hawaiian Band, under the leadership of Professor Berger, will give another of their popular concerts at the hotel to-night. Music-loving people have not been slow to recognize that Mr. Berger's new band plays as well, or better, than his old one, as the increasing attendance at his concerts shows. The following program will be given to-night:

- PART I.  
1. March—"The Gladiators".....Souza  
2. Overture—"Post and Peasant".....Suppe  
3. Finale—"Bellario".....Liszt  
4. Selection—"Ermioni".....Verdi  
PART II.  
5. "Reminiscences of All Nations".....Godfrey  
6. March—"The Volunteers".....Meira  
7. Waltz—"Morning Papers".....Strauss  
8. March—"Joyce's Post" (by request)  
9. "Hawaii Ponoi".....Brown

## A Japanese Burglary.

Nakow, a Japanese cook employed by Walter G. Smith, found George Boardman's Japanese servant ransacking his trunk last night and attacked him with a bottle of catsup which he smashed over the burglar's head. The fellow got away, however, carrying \$10.40 of Nakow's money. The police were sent for and they found the burglar in a gambling house where he had lost his plunder. He was arrested, but got out on bail. This morning he and Nakow had a private conference, in a result the latter is "convinced" that he mistook his man and wants to drop all proceedings.

## That Cane Imbroglio.

On complaint of Minister Blount the Government has written Charles Creighton, demanding that he explain the cane episode. Mr. Creighton's reply was not deemed satisfactory, and the correspondence was referred to the American Minister for his further pleasure. During the wait between the acts the donors of the cane are not enjoying the "joke" so much as they were.

The Hawaiian Board reports twelve pest-ridden fields in the group—five on Hawaii, four on Maui, two on Oahu and one on Kauai.

The Hawaiian Board has a photograph of the Christian chapel and school which Goo Kim has erected near Ka Ying Chau. In the belfry hangs a bell which was formerly used on his rice plantation at Waikiki.

Speaking of the price of Pearl City lots B. F. Dillingham says that there seems to be no cause for complaint among buyers. Lots are sold every few days and no applicant comes for any without getting them. Many with an eye to the future are investing at the new town.

Business must have been dull with Tim Sullivan to-day, as his horse got tired of staying on the stand and concluded to take a run on his own account about noon to-day, while the driver was not watching him. The result was that the rig was overturned and considerably damaged.

## CAPT. FERGUSON TALKS.

## HE TELLS HIS SIDE OF THE JAP STORY.

Says That Only a Few Laborers Are Wanted From Here—A Good Word for Guatemala.

Hearing that a number of Japanese, who left yesterday on the City of Rio de Janeiro, went under contract to Guatemala, a representative of this paper called on Captain Ferguson this morning at Paul Neumann's office and was courteously received by that gentleman. After stating that the object of his call was to get further information on the subject of shipping Japanese laborers to Guatemala, Captain Ferguson said:

"I will tell you just what we are doing and what we intend to do. I am the authorized agent of the Guatemalan Government for the purpose of procuring Japanese labor for its coffee plantations. A direct treaty is now being negotiated between Guatemala and Japan, looking to establishment of a Japanese labor contract system similar to that now carried on here. As far as taking Japanese from Hawaii is concerned, we only intend to send about 150 in all, of whom 68 have already gone on. Thirty-six of these went yesterday. These 150 will all be picked men, the intention being to use them for interpreters and overseers for those who will come direct from Japan. These men have all signed the contract the STAR published the other day, and will be paid according to its terms, which are \$10 per month, free steerage passage to Guatemala and transportation to the plantations, free board and lodging, medical attendance and medicine. Their contracts are signed by myself as agent of the Guatemalan Government, so they have a Government guarantee. When the new treaty is concluded the Japanese will have a resident Consul-General in Guatemala, before whom future contracts will be made. Out of those shipped from these islands, those who pick up the Spanish language and show an aptitude for acquiring the business of coffee raising will be placed in charge of the new comers and will, of course, have their wages raised, in some cases to \$25 per month, in order according to their worth. Each lot sent from here is accompanied by an interpreter and overseer, whom we pay \$25 each per month and board and lodging for their families. The work on coffee plantations is much easier than that on sugar plantations. Guatemala in the next ten years will have room for 50,000 Japanese laborers, and we expect to furnish that number direct from Japan. We have had between five and six hundred applications here, but we only send the most intelligent."

In response to a further question for some information regarding the country, Captain Ferguson continued: "The principal business of the country is raising coffee, although some sugar and a little cocoa is also produced. According to Consul General Kimberly's report to the U. S. Government in 1891, the country produces 600,000 quintals (100 pounds to the quintal) of coffee, valued at \$20,000,000, in 1890, and also a million pounds of sugar. The country is the healthiest in the world, except a narrow strip along the seashore, from ten to fifteen miles wide. The sugar plantations are small and are at an altitude of from 1500 to 2500 feet. Coffee is grown principally on the western slopes of the great range of mountains which divides the country, but in a few years the eastern slopes will be equally as fertile. The population of the country is about 1,200,000, of whom half are Indians. The exports, principally coffee, in 1890 amounted to 13,250,000, while the imports were only \$7,000,000, showing a healthy state of affairs. Cocoa is being exported to some extent, and will continue to increase in quantity as new trees come into bearing. In many plantations the cocoa is planted with the coffee, but it takes a long time to mature. There are two railroads in the country, one from San Jose de Guatemala, on the west coast, to Guatemala City, the capital, a distance of ninety miles. This road is called the Guatemala Central, and was built and is owned by Huntington, Crocker, and Morton, Bliss & Co., and everything connected with it is of the latest American pattern. It is the finest equipped road between the California-Mexico boundary line and Chili. Two 63-ton Baldwin locomotives have just been added to the rolling stock. There is still another road extending from Champerico, also on the Pacific side, to San Felipe, in the heart of the coffee district, about 3500 feet above sea level—all coffee is grown there at an altitude ranging from 2500 to 4000 feet, a distance of 70 miles.

There are many fine roads connecting the plantations with their railroad, over which the coffee is hauled in immense bullock carts. In other cases it is packed by mule trains either to a wagon road or a railroad district. With regard to the climate, I cannot do better than refer you to the following extracts from Mr. Kimberly's report: "The climate, with the exception of the coast, is healthy, the soil is the richest that ever came under my observation, and anything will grow anywhere. Guatemala, with the exception of fifteen miles inland from the coast on either side, is from 3500 to 7500 feet above the level of the sea, and for scenery and richness of soil it beats any country in the world."

The climate of Guatemala is of an even temperature, the thermometer having an average range of from 68 deg. to 74 deg. F. in daytime and from 62 deg. to 68 deg. F. at night; hence, meats, fruits, vegetables, etc., having undergone the usual or ordinary cure in the United States, would stand the test of the climate well. Guatemala has a great future before it, and I fully expect that its exportation of coffee alone will reach a value of \$40,000,000 in the year 1895. I consider its coffee-growing districts, without exception, the healthiest country I have ever visited."

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## FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

## STEAMER DAY FOR OCEANIC LINERS.

The Port of Honolulu Assuming Large Proportions—Waiting and Watching—Wavels.

This is steamer day for the Oceanic liners fast enough, but the liners don't show up. Word reached here on the Castle that the Mariposa, due to-day en route to the Colonies, was delayed in San Francisco from Thursday until Saturday; hence she may not come till to-morrow night or the day following. The Monowai, from Australia to San Francisco, is always behind time.

It keeps Harbor Master Fuller quite busy now, with steamers arriving every other day, besides the sailing vessels, which come popping in galore. This port is fast assuming large proportions, on account of its shipping arrivals.

The bark Rihet is receiving a fresh coat of paint.

Oceanic dock is filled with outgoing bananas.

The favorite song of the pilots on steamer days is, "I'm Waiting and Watching for Thee." Captain Opanui Rice always joins in the chorus.

The Rio Janeiro brought twenty Chinese and Japanese for this port, who are now at the quarantine station. One Chinese was not allowed to land, his permit being defective.

The next steamer from the Orient, en route to San Francisco, will be the City of New York. She will be due on the 31st inst.

## THURSDAY, JULY 27.

DIAMOND HEAD, 3:30 P. M.—Weather hazy. Wind light, E.

## ARRIVALS.

WEDNESDAY, July 26.

Stmr Mokohi, McGregor, from Molokai.

## DEPARTURES.

WEDNESDAY, July 26.

Schr Liholilo, Andrews, for Waianae.

THURSDAY, July 27.

Stmr Waianae, Dudgeon, for Koolau.

Sloop Waianae for Waianae.

## PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

Stmr Mikahala, Chaney, for usual Maui and Hawaii Hall route, to-morrow at 10 a. m.

## VESSELS IN PORT.

NAVAL VESSELS.

U. S. S. Boston, Day.

U. S. S. Adams, Nelson, San Fran.

## MERCHANTMEN.

Br sch Norma, Macquarrie, Yokohama.

Am sch W. H. Talbot, Blum, Newcastle.

Am sch Weatherwax, San Fran (at Kah).

Ger br G. N. Wilcox, Walters, Liverpool.

Am tern Allen A., Schage, Enreka.

Am sch Aloha, Dole, San Francisco.

Am bk Colusa, Guatemala, (at Kahului).

Br bk Ladstock, Williams, Liverpool.

Am sch Transat, Jorgenson, San Francisco.

Haw bk Rihet, Morrison, San Fran.

Haw bk Mauna Ala, Smith, San Francisco.

Am bk Imgard, Schmidt, San Fran.

Am bkine N. S. Casle, San Fran.

## FOREIGN VESSELS EXPECTED.

Am sch Olga, Puget Sound (Kah).....Due

Am sch Alice Cooke, Puget Sound.....July 25

Am bgine W. G. Irwin, San Fran.....July 30

Am bk Annie Johnson, S. F. (Hilo).....July 30

Am bk Alex. McNiel, Puget Sound Bay.....July 30

Am bk Consuelo, S. F. (Kah).....Aug 2

Am bk S. C. Allen, San Fran.....Aug 5

Am bk Albert, San Francisco.....Aug 10

Br bk Elizabeth, Graham, Newcastle.....Aug 13

Am bk Detroit, Puget Sound Bay.....Aug 15

Am sch J. G. North, S. F. (Mah